

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Ms. Brandye Hendrickson  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Hendrickson:

We write to ask that you reconsider the current administrative distribution formula for the Territorial Highway Program (THP) (23 U.S.C. 165(c)) and institute up-to-date rational criteria for the allocation of limited THP funds.

Managed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the THP was created for the purpose of constructing and improving a system of arterial and collector highways and necessary inter-island connectors in the four U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. THP funds are currently allocated to the four territories by administrative formula set at 40 percent each for Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 10 percent each for American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands. This distribution was established by FHWA in 1992 and has been used since.

We realize that FHWA has followed this convenient, simple formula for over twenty-five years, but the allocation of the territorial highway funds should be set according to currently available quantifiable measures which may include population, land area, or road mileage. The existing administrative allocation formula, derived from outdated data, needs to be replaced with a fair and rational formula based on objective criteria that may change over time.

Thank you for your attention to this issue to ensure our highways programs better meet the needs of residents in the territories.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress

cc: Bill Shuster, Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Peter DeFazio, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee